

Germany Calls Boys of 16 to Colors to Bolster Up Failing Army Strength

HINDENBURG'S MOVE PROVES MAN POWER IS DWINDLING

Germany has mustered a portion of the class of 1920—lads of sixteen years—official war office reports received today stated.

Military critics, while they have known that Germany was about at the end of her man power, have refused to believe that sixteen-year-old boys were being prepared for the trenches. The reports, therefore, are regarded with the greatest significance.

Sent to East Front.

Hindenburg's frantic efforts to strengthen the western front, either for an impending drive against Calais and Paris, or in anticipation of an allied offensive, has depleted the divisions on the eastern front, and it is believed that the 1920 class may be sent there for seasoning, should separate peace negotiations with the Russians fail.

Military men also believe that Hindenburg will encounter great difficulty in the mobilization of the 1920 class, both because of the opposition it is bound to meet from the civilian population and the effect it will have on the morale of the regular troops at the front.

Intermingling of the new conscripts with the fighters on the west front who have been kept in ignorance of conditions back home, might have a decidedly disastrous effect.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 8.—The labor shortage in Germany has become so serious that an imperial order has just been issued summoning the male population of the Finnish coast for military labor.

A dispatch from the frontier states that the age limits of the conscripted persons are from thirteen to sixty years.

AMUSEMENTS

TODAY'S FILM THEATER ATTRACTIONS

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AUSTRIAN CABINET HANDS EMPEROR RESIGNATION

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 8.—The resignation of the Austrian cabinet has been tendered to Emperor Karl, according to Vienna dispatches here today.

The dispatches were dated February 7.

Austrian Premier von Seydewitz handed the resignation to the head of the dual monarchy.

RUSSIANS DRAW HOPE FROM FOES' INTERNAL TROUBLE

PETROGRAD, Feb. 6.—(Delayed)—Increasing German internal dissatisfaction is responsible for the change in tone of the Russian delegates at the Brest-Litovsk peace conference. Hope is daily strengthening the Russians. There is no retreat from their original position and they may demand that the central powers apply the Russian formula of peace without annexations to the western front.

Brest-Litovsk conference wired that the negotiations had been resumed with German Foreign Minister Von Kuhlmann insisting on the German terms but with a softened tone. They declared there could be nothing more dangerous than a compromise. Just as the Russians have burned their bridges behind them, just so must they resist each concession demanded of the Russian revolution, the delegates said. The Russian conference must agree to a separate peace only if no other is possible, but only then if such a peace is based on no annexations and the policy of self-determination, according to their present attitude. There will be that kind of a peace, or no peace, they assert.

The Znamia Trude, organ of the Social Revolutionaries of the left, said today the Germans would hardly dare break off negotiations now, and "we must continue our policy of deepening the German internal dissension."

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First Picture of Captain Van Schaick



In this photograph, taken in Belgium, of high American Red Cross officials, the Rev. John Van Schaick, who is pastor of the Church of Our Father, in this city, is shown second from the left.

He has been at the front for many months and is due to return in March.

Dr. Van Schaick, when at home, is one of the most active and public-spirited citizens of the Capital. In addition to the duties of his pastorate of the only Universalist church here, he is a member of

the School Board, active in the affairs of the Monday Evening Club, prominent in the Y. M. C. A., and indefatigable in his work among the poor and unfortunate in the city's penal institutions.

Others in the photograph are: Major Alex Lambert, of New York, on the extreme left; Capt. Ernest Cook, chief doctor of the American Red Cross, and Commander Le Duc, of the Belgian army, on the extreme right.

BOLSHEVIK RULE'S PERMANENCY SEEN IN NEW PAN-SOVIET

PETROGRAD, Feb. 2 (delayed).—That the Bolshevik government is permanent was the interpretation placed today upon the formation of a new Pan-Soviet of 300 members. It includes 100 Bolsheviks, 125 Social Revolutionaries of the Left, and the remainder Social Revolutionaries of the Right.

Included among the latter is Victor Tchernoff, president of the Constituent assembly. His acceptance of a seat in the new central governing body of Russia created the greatest sensation.

All factions accepted it as meaning the Social Revolutionaries of the Right, convinced it is impossible to overthrow the Bolsheviks, have determined to concentrate their efforts on boring into the present government. This confirms a recent prediction in these dispatches.

The Nash Week, leading paper of the Cadet party, admits the Bolsheviks are near victory in Russia. It outlines the Bolshevik strategy whereby the Don Cossacks and Ukrainians uprisings were separated. The railway

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2,139,554 In U. S. Armed Force, Declares Congressman Caldwell

PORT WASHINGTON, L. I., Feb. 8.—America has 2,139,554 men under arms, according to figures announced here by Charles Pope Caldwell, of the Second district, of Queens, at the annual meeting of the Port Washington Business Men's Association.

According to Representative Caldwell, the Government's armed strength is divided as follows: Engineers corps, 119,476. Ordnance corps, 20,600.

Signal corps, 151,742. Quartermaster's corps, 140,000. Medical corps, 15,000 officers. Medical corps, 7,605 enlisted men.

Veterinarian's corps, 18,000. Sanitation corps, 3,945. Staff, 52,129.

Enlisted men, 63,851. Enlisted men, 1,478,259. Called under the draft and due to report, 74,704.

Of that number, the speaker asserted, 605,640 were drafted men and the remainder volunteers.

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SAUSAGE AND RIFLE ALL SAMMIES GET IN TRENCH RAID

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Feb. 8.—An American patrol entered a front line German trench Thursday morning but found it deserted. The doughboys searched the trench and when they returned to their own position their booty consisted of a rifle and some "made in Germany" sausage.

The patrol, which in the words of a doughboy, "paid a quiet visit to the German front trenches and found no body at home," was composed of a lieutenant from Chicago, a corporal from Los Angeles, and two privates.

Trip Just Before Dawn.

The four Americans slipped across "No Man's Land" just before dawn and made their way through a gap in the enemy's barbed wire, which had been spotted the previous night.

The Americans slid into the enemy's trench just "as easy as though they were sliding into bed." The lieutenant, aptly the corporal went ahead reconnoitering. They heard German voices a considerable distance back and the sound of laughter, as if some one were telling a good story.

The corporal found a rifle leaning against a trench, which he carried back with him as his first souvenir.

German Sniping Blackens.

There has been a noticeable slackening of the Germans' sniping operations during the past few days, since our artillery has begun to pay special attention of their sniping posts. There were a few aeroplanes up Thursday. The weather is now mild.

On Thursday American artillery shelled and probably inflicted severe casualties upon two battalions of German infantry that had been observed upon a wooded road behind the German front.

The artillery firing has been lively on both sides. The Americans bombarded the German trenches, and the roads behind them while the Germans replied with a heavy fire directed against the American batteries of "seventy-fives." Thereupon the American gunners turned loose with their "one-hifty-fives," shelling the German batteries of "seventy-sevens."

RAW U. S. FLYERS AID FRENCH TO DEFEAT GERMAN ATTACKERS

PARIS, Feb. 8.—An official report today from American headquarters in France tells of a battle in the clouds between allied airmen and German planes in which two American flyers took a leading part. One of the Americans sprang his parachute and the other failed to get his man.

High praise for the two young Americans, who are just out of a training school, was given by the French flyers.

The French squadron, accompanied by the two Americans, was attacked by eight German planes. The Americans each picked out a machine and within a few minutes one of them felled his target to the earth.

SWITCHMEN PLEAD FOR SHORTER WORK DAY AND MORE PAY

Pleading for an eight-hour working day for railroad switchmen, for time and a half for overtime, R. E. Heberling, president of the Switchmen's Union, appeared before the Railway Wage Commission today. He charged that the railroads were not observing the spirit of the eight-hour law, and that switchmen were being worked to exhaustion.

Heberling said that the terms "twelve, ten, and eight hour days" were misnomers, as they railways constantly disregarded them, with the Adamson law placing a penalty only after sixteen hours. He also requested of the commission that a 50 per cent increase in wages, on the basis of an eight-hour work day, be granted.

He explained that this request was the same as the demand made on the railroads by switchmen in October, 1917. In addition to this the time and a half for overtime is added.

Heberling said that the switchmen's union was composed of 10,700 men in the yard service of the railroads, and included all employees of this service.

"We have been denied the right," he said, "by the railway managers to represent switch tenders, but that restriction does not apply to us here. Many men engaged in yard service cannot afford to pay our dues. The hazards of the work are such that our insurance rates have to be higher than those of other railway organizations."

PAVENSTED IS INTERNEED.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Feb. 8.—Adolph Pavensted, a New York banker, who served as a go-between for former Ambassador von Bernstorff and Bolo Pashe, now on trial in Paris for treason, has been interned at Fort Oglethorpe, near here.

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WOMEN'S WOES

Washington Women Are Finding Relief at Last.

It does seem that women have more than a fair share of the aches and pains that afflict humanity; they must "keep up," must attend to duties in spite of constantly aching backs, or headaches, dizzy spells, bearing-down pains, they must stoop over, when to stoop means torture. They must walk and bend and work with aching knees, and aching backs, and aching kidneys. Keeping the kidneys well has spared thousands of women much misery. Read of a remedy for kidney ailments that is endorsed by people "out know."

Mrs. Ella Lord, 1412 Eighth St. N. W., Washington, says: "From my experience with Doan's Kidney Pills, I can recommend them highly to anyone. I suffered from backache and other symptoms of kidney trouble until I used Doan's Kidney Pills. They restored my kidneys to a normal condition and removed the backaches."

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ARABS ANNIHILATE ONE TURKISH ARMY; TAKE COMMANDER

Arab forces, under command of the Sheikh of Moosa, have completely defeated a Turkish army operating southeast of the Dead Sea, official dispatches received today state.

In a sanguinary battle, which began January 30, the Arab tribesmen virtually annihilated the entire Turkish force, capturing many prisoners, including the Turkish commander-in-chief and his staff, the report states.

Eighteen machine guns, two mountain guns, and a large amount of booty fell into the hands of the victors.

The engagement, according to the report made to General Allenby, of the British expeditionary force in Palestine, began at Karak, near the southeastern extremity of the Dead Sea. The Turks, badly beaten, left many prisoners, seven machine guns, one mountain gun and a large quantity of booty, retiring in disorder.

Pursuing Arabs overtook the detachments near Talle, where the remaining forces were cut to pieces.

In the Jerusalem sector, General Allenby reports that railway communication has been opened up with the Jerusalem railroad, which virtually assures the British line of communication in their drive across the Jordan to cut the Hejaz railroad. If this campaign, which military critics predict is Allenby's plan of strategy, is successful, the Turk communication line with Medina will be broken.

HOSTILE GUNS ACTIVE LAST NIGHT, SAYS HAIG

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Host